

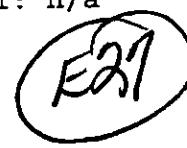
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SUBJECT: WGRWO1: BELGIAN PARATROOPS SO FAR UNABLE TO
 REACH HOTEL WITH AMERICAN JOURNALISTS; ASK THAT
 MESSAGE BE PASSED VIA UNAMIR LIAISON OFFICER TO
 UNAMIR BARRACKS

REF: A) BROCKING-JOHNSON-DUBROW TELCONS OF 1550 BRUSSELS
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2. USDAO OFFICER LIAISING WITH BELGIAN MILITARY PASSED FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO EMBASSY AT 1545 BRUSSELS TIME APRIL 14: BEGIN MESSAGE: BELGIAN PARATROOPERS TRYING TO REACH THE MILLE COLLINES HOTEL HAVE NOT/NOT BEEN ABLE TO GET WITHIN 2 KILOMETERS OF THE HOTEL BECAUSE OF HEAVY FIGHTING. THE BELGIANS DON'T HAVE THE FIREPOWER TO BREAK UP THIS FIGHT OR TO REACH THE HOTEL FOR THE MOMENT. THE BELGIAN MILITARY SUGGESTED THAT THE JOURNALISTS SHOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH THE UNAMIR LIAISON OFFICER IN ROOM 33 OF THE MILLES COLLINES HOTEL TO SEE IF HE COULD ASK UNAMIR BARRACKS TO TRY TO REACH THEM FROM THEIR POSITION. END MESSAGE.

3. EMBOFFS IMMEDIATELY PASSED THIS MESSAGE TO RWANDA TASK FORCE. IN SAME CALL (REFCON) WE WERE TOLD THAT USG POSITION ON THE RWANDANS SEEKING SHELTER WITH BANGLADESHI ELEMENT OF UNAMIR IN A STADIUM IN KIGALI WAS THAT UNAMIR HAD TO MAKE A DECISION ABOUT WHAT WAS BEST TO DO FOR THESE PEOPLE AND THAT THOUGHT HAD TO BE GIVEN TO THEIR SAFETY.

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4. POLCOUNS SUBSEQUENTLY SPOKE TO MFA CABINET OFFICER RIK COOLSAET WHO SAID BELGIANS WOULD NOT STOP TRYING TO GET TO JOURNALISTS AT MILLE COLLINES HOTEL. DECISIONS ON HOW BEST TO PROCEED WERE BEING TAKEN BY TROOPS ON THE GROUND. ON THE FATE OF THE SOME 6000 (SIX THOUSAND WAS THE FIGURE COOLSAET USED) RWANDANS SEEKING SHELTER FROM UNAMIR'S BANGLADESHI COMPONENT AT A STADIUM IN KIGALI, COOLSAET THOUGHT GENERAL DALLAIRE MIGHT BE BEST PLACED TO ADVISE/DECIDE.

5. BUJUMBURA MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

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